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Pennsylvania State College will continue to have compulsory chapel, according to a decision handed down by the Board of Trustees after consideration of a Student Council petition for the abolishment of the element of compulsion in daily chapel. This petition was presented after a five-to-one student vote against the existing system.

Agitation against compulsory chapel is of long standing. In 1916 the Student Council petitioned the Board of Trustees to make attendance at chapel services voluntary, but the plea was rejected. At that time, no poll of student sentiment had been taken on the question. In the fall of 1925 the *Collegian*, Penn State's semi-weekly newspaper, held a forum for two weeks, after which the vote was taken which showed that the students were overwhelmingly in favor of the abolishment of compulsion. In spite of this, and the earnest championship of the Student Council, the issue met with defeat at the hands of the Trustees. However, the Board decided to appoint a committee to confer with the students in an attempt to better conditions and improve the services.

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Methods of Securing Alumni Support and Co-operation

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This is an article which was read before the Seventeenth Interfraternity Conference, held in New York City, November 27, 28, 1925. Mr. Phillips was a charter member of the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon and has considerable experience in financial matters, especially pertaining to the alumni of his fraternity.—*Editor.*

This article advances ideas that are a radical change from those heretofore and, in fact, still used by most fraternities. It is nevertheless offered with a feeling of confidence, because of the belief of the soundness of the principles involved, which are backed by several years of successful operation.

On account of the phenomenal improvement in the financial conditions of our chapters, many college men seemed to think that the fraternity's plan of finance, in some mysterious manner, drew dollars from the air. Others thought that simply installing the plan without any effort on the part of the chapter solved all financial problems.

The difference between the former methods and those applied today is that, formerly, we put a ten or twenty thousand dollars a year business in the hands of an inexperienced undergraduate, as a part time job. Today, an Alumni Board of five experienced men maps out a year's financial program and sees that it is carried out. ▶

Due to what I believe is one of the greatest mistakes fraternities have ever made, active chapter members have been taught to look to their alumni for financial aid in almost everything they undertake. I say a "mistake" because, in my opinion, a chapter that is not self-supporting cannot be self-respecting, is not worthy, and has no right to continue.

Young men are sent to college to learn that which will enable them to provide for themselves. Are we helping them to learn this if we assist them in everything they do? Experience teaches us that two principles have been successfully carried out.

First: In the work of organized charity, people who can, and will not, help themselves are not helped.

Second: If you want people to work, give them something to work for.

The underlying thought in prompting the financial ideas in my fraternity is based on the two principles just mentioned.

Alumni financial support given year after year, weakens rather than strengthens a chapter. Houses that are given to chapters or that are built with funds, fifty per cent or more of which are alumni donations, give the active man the wrong perspective. Students know that the checks from "Dad" are given willingly, but also know that great sacrifices are often made to send them. Is the average alumnus so much different from "Dad"?

Are the donations from alumni given as willingly? From the amount of dunning necessary to secure them, one must admit that they are not. This, of course, does not mean that some donations do not come unsolicited, and such donations *we* accept for endowment, but not for chapter operation.

A former Chairman of this Conference told us that he hoped the time would never come that his fraternity would cease to call upon him for financial aid. I, with the rest, applauded this expression of love for his fraternity, but *now*, if my chapter should call upon me for financial aid, and did not submit with that call a sound plan for reimbursement, I would feel, and know, that my chapter needed immediate attention. This statement is not made with any feeling other than that I would be rendering the chapter a service.

I am advised that there are at least two men in this Conference, each of whom have contributed one thousand dollars to their Fraternity's endowment fund. I hold that the idea is wrong unless the donations were not solicited. If donations could be equitably made as the alumni are blessed, or made unsolicited as the love of the fraternity lives in the heart of the donor, or secured from the larger percentage of the alumni, then I would be convinced that the donation plan was a success.

My understanding is that the two men just spoken of are two of five. That Fraternity's alumni number over twenty thousand. Why should a few carry such a portion of the load?

In our public charities business houses have been the victims of organized begging, fostered by over zealous sentimentalists. The social position of and the business relations with these beggars make it politic to give, and these donations are charged to advertising or profit and loss. Merchants have looked for relief, and consequently we have tag days and community chests. These relieve the few and distribute the burden of our public charities. Not an entirely satisfactory system yet, but an improvement.

Under the donation plan of fraternities, only a few alumni respond, and it is the object of the Sigma Phi Epsilon plan to make every one carry his part of the load.

For a number of years, Sigma Phi Epsilon struggled with the various plans for raising money from alumni, many of which plans are still used by most national fraternities.

To prove that these plans for securing alumni cash are not as fair and effective as the one Sigma Phi Epsilon is now using, it will be necessary to review these various methods, noting their weaknesses, and then presenting the plan I believe to be better.

Money is generally obtained from alumni by the following methods: first, donations; and second; assessments.

Donations are solicited generally for about four purposes:

1. To create an endowment.
2. To pay off indebtedness incurred by the active chapter.
3. To buy furniture, repair or remodel the house.
4. To build a new house.

First: To create an endowment, the object of which is about the same in all fraternities, a drive is put on. So much a year makes one an annual member. A certain sum makes one a contributing member. A certain sum makes one a life member. A certain sum puts one on the honor roll.

Perhaps fifteen per cent will become annual members, about five per cent will become life members, a few less will become contributing members. Who will hazard a guess as to the number that will be placed on the Honor Roll? From all the data available, it is very small. This failure to interest an appreciable number of the membership, along with the enormous cost of collection, proves to me the failure of the donation plan.

Second: To pay indebtedness incurred by an active chapter. Donations are sought to pay off indebtedness incurred often by inexperience, incompetency, or carelessness. Alumni that were successful chapter managers and a few loyal chapter workers respond while the ones who did little while active, make up the seventy to ninety per cent that are not heard from, again showing a weakness in the donation plan.

Third: To buy new furniture or repair and remodel a chapter house. Donations are sought when new furniture is needed, when the roof leaks, the plumbing freezes, or the house needs painting or remodeling. The same ten to twenty per cent of the alumni respond, again proving the weakness of the donation plan.

Fourth: To build a new chapter house. The greatest of all donation drives is put on when a chapter desires to build its first house. Then probably a trifle larger percentage of the alumni respond, as the active chapter will dun a little harder, and those in charge must have some real cash to bridge the gap between the first mortgage and the completion of the building. But unless the chapter is very young, the number of donors will never pass the thirty-five per cent mark.

Charges or assessments may be divided as follows: first, alumni dues; second, life membership; third, notes signed at time of initiation or while active; fourth, stock in chapter corporation.

First: Alumni dues are assessed, for which the magazine is furnished. The average alumnus is reached through sentiment and feels, that, from a magazine viewpoint, for what he gets, the price is rather high. He would prefer his *American*, *Cosmopolitan*, or *Geographic*, or whatever his favorite magazine is. The alumnus that sets aside an evening or an hour or so to read his fraternity magazine is a rare animal.

In defense of this statement, I cite one fraternity that sends its magazine without charge, and only to those who request it. I have no figures before me, but feel confident that the printer's bill for this magazine is among the smallest of all.

Because of the small percentage of alumni dues collected, I hold that the plan is weak.

Second under charges or assessments is Life Membership. The same incentive that causes a man to pay annual dues, causes him to respond to the Life Membership call, when he is financially able or is sufficiently dunned. Our experience in the past two years is

that about three per cent have enrolled, again showing the weakness of the plan.

Third: Notes signed at initiation or while active. Experience shows that very few of these are paid before graduation and fewer after. Most active men will sign such notes, but have you ever tried collecting them?

One experienced fraternity man told me, "All they are good for is to put in the furnace to help keep the house warm." Another said, "I am using them for scratch paper."

Fourth under charges or assessments, is the share of stock in the chapter corporation. More money is collected and more alumni reached by this than by any other plan of begging that fraternities indulge in. However, the overhead is enormous, not only in the time and money expended, but in the loss of interest of many because of the continual demands for cash to be used for the immediate benefit of someone else.

Bright, snappy chapter letters are spoiled because of the paragraphs begging the alumni to send in their "long overdue payments" for the sake of the "Dear Old Fraternity."

Even though thousands of dollars have been secured through the donation plan, less than twenty per cent of these who enjoy the pleasures and benefits of membership have contributed.

You ask, "How, then, shall we interest one hundred per cent of our membership?"

Sigma Phi Epsilon has entered its second year of a plan that we think is solving the problem. It is called the Life Membership Plan. For nine years we have been developing the Sigma Phi Epsilon Plan of Finance, and now we have it to a point that we think is about perfect.

At first, it was difficult to adjust it to small chapters or those not in houses, but by careful study, we have made it adaptable to any condition. Through it we have been able to interest alumni in chapter management, and secure their moral and financial support. This plan of finance developed our Life Membership Plan.

Briefly, it is as follows:

Every man now pays his Life Membership Fee at the time of his initiation, and is entitled to the magazine and all other general benefits for life. No annual dues are assessed after he ceases to be an active member.

All active members, August 1, 1924, when the plan went into effect, may become Life Members by the payment of a sum, three-

sevenths of the amount paid by Life Member Initiates, provided it is paid while they are still active. All alumni may become Life Members by paying five-sevenths of the amount paid by the Life Member Initiate.

By this plan, all initiates after July 31, 1924, will contribute their full share to all work undertaken by the fraternity. A drive to get the 6,500 alumni has already exceeded our estimates of July 31, 1926. We do not hope to get more than twenty-five per cent of the alumni of July 31, 1924, into the Life Membership class, but from that date on, all initiates are on an equal footing.

In Sigma Phi Epsilon, there is no financial honor roll. The fraternity is stressing among its members that the ideal condition is an equal distribution of the financial burden.

It would be impossible in the time allotted to go into the Sigma Phi Epsilon Plan of Finance, but by it, chapters must carry their own financial load or cease to exist. A chapter that cannot carry its financial burden is not worthy of a charter.

In the younger and smaller chapters, it is impossible to build houses because of lack of funds. To meet this condition in all chapters that are not housed, the alumni corporations budget an item, "building fund." This amount is set aside every year. When the fund amounts to ten per cent of the equity of the property desired, the alumni are called upon to lend their credit. No donations are solicited, and some have been refused. Bonds are issued in \$50 denominations. These pay three per cent interest and are sold to the active and alumni members. Upon the completion of the house, these three per cent bonds are converted into a six per cent second mortgage.

The Plan of Finance provides for all carrying charges and the retirement of mortgages and an amortization fund for rebuilding. In no instance do our chapter assessments exceed the average of the campus.

By this plan we do not have to beg for funds. We go to our alumni with a business proposition more sound than many that we experienced business men daily risk our savings in. We ask no donations and have refused to accept them. If an alumnus will lend us his money, we will pay him three per cent until our house is completed, then six per cent. By placing our finances upon a business basis, we have stepped out of the begging and charity seeking class and have become a self-respecting business organization.



Eta Alpha Chapter

History of Eta Alpha Chapter

— R. N. MARQUIS, '26, AND F. E. YOUNGMAN, '27

Eta Alpha Chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega is the outgrowth of a movement begun by Dr. Claude William Mitchell early in the winter of 1920-21. It was through his efforts that James E. Stevens, present Arch Master of $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$, Ronald N. Marquis, Homer H. Kirby and William H. Geisler were brought together for the purpose of founding a new fraternity at George Washington University.

These four men, having little in common prior to that time, met with Dr. Mitchell in the latter's apartment on the evening of February 21, 1921, and it was at this meeting that Kappa Tau Omega, the name by which the local organization was known, was formally organized. Dr. Mitchell and a number of his fraternity brothers in Alpha Tau Omega inspired these new crusaders to take upon themselves the obligations of rearing at the University a new fraternity which has become in the course of five short years a part of a great national order and one of the strongest and most influential fraternities at George Washington University.

Under the capable leadership of Brother James E. Stevens, first President of Kappa Tau Omega, the work of completing a strong organization was rapidly consummated. Meetings were held in the rooms of the different members and a constitution with by-laws and ritual were soon drawn up and adopted by the new fraternity. The members were all satisfied by being elected to an office, Brother Geisler having the distinction of holding both the office of vice president and sergeant at arms, Brother Kirby was chosen treasurer and Brother Marquis filled the office of secretary.

This new fraternity was organized with a twofold purpose, to provide an additional fraternity to meet the needs of a rapidly increasing student body, and for the purpose of either petitioning an established national fraternity or of forming a new national fraternity. At the end of the first year steps had been taken with a view of submitting a formal petition for membership to one of the older national organizations, but before the petition had been reached by that body for consideration it was withdrawn, and Kappa Tau Omega remained a local until its affiliation with the nine other Charter Chapters of $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$.

The first pledge member of Kappa Tau Omega was Walter Kirby, brother of Homer Kirby, who was initiated late in May, 1921, and it was with the imposing array of five members that Kappa Tau Omega, at the beginning of the school year of 1921-22, embarked upon one of the most notable years of its early career. During this school year ten new members, including Brother Elmer Louis Kayser, secretary of the University, were initiated, and six pledges were carried over until the beginning of the next school year before they were initiated.

Brother Charles C. Alford and Brother Kayser were the first two members initiated, and it was at the office of Brother Kayser or the apartment of Brother Alford that most of the Fraternity gatherings were held during the early part of this school year.



Home of the Washington
Chapter

However, the new members initiated at the beginning of the second school year were an ambitious lot and on February 1, less than a year after organization, ten members were moving into the first chapter house located at 1734 K Street, only a few blocks from the University buildings. On the night of February 15 three more pledges were initiated, and on the evening of February 16, 1922, the first anniversary of the founding of Kappa Tau Omega was celebrated with a Founders' Day Banquet at the chapter house at which twelve active members and a number of pledges were present. This was incidentally the first meal served in the first house of Kappa Tau Omega.

On Sunday afternoon, March 19, 1922, Kappa Tau Omega held an open house and reception for officials, faculty and students of the University. Dr.

and Mrs. Howard Lincoln Hodgkins, acting president of the University, and Dean and Mrs. Merton L. Ferson of the Law School were among the throng to visit the fraternity and inspect the new chapter house.

The first social affair of Kappa Tau Omega was a dance held at the chapter house on April 8th. Although it would not compare with the many brilliant affairs of the present Chapter, it was thought at the time to be a wonderful achievement. From that date on the members had a just pride in their Fraternity. In June of that second year Brother Homer H. Kirby, one of the founders, was the first member of K T Ω to receive a degree from the University. Since that time nearly thirty degrees have been granted to members of the Chapter, with an increasing number of graduates each year.

At the beginning of the school year of 1922-23 Kappa Tau Omega had among its active membership several of the most prominent leaders in student activities, and a number of others destined later to fill some of the highest positions in student government, publications and other activities. It was in January of this year that the organization felt it had outgrown the house on K Street and moved to a larger house at 1717 S Street. Here the chapter remained until the beginning of the present school year, when it again removed to a larger and better chapter house—admitted to be one of the best fraternity houses at George Washington University.

As one of the "Big Ten" in Θ Υ Ω history, Kappa Tau Omega became a Charter Chapter of Theta Upsilon Omega, and is at present enjoying a period of unusual growth and development and occupies a position of power and influence among the fraternities at George Washington University.

Dean Hugh Miller

GEORGE N. GARDNER, H A '27

Hugh Miller, Eta Alpha chapter, and Dean of the College of Engineering at George Washington University, graduated from Leal's School, Plainfield, New Jersey, in 1897, received his C.E. from Princeton in 1901, and in 1910 and again in 1912, did graduate work in the Harvard summer school.



Dean Miller

He has been a consulting engineer, instructor in Engineering at Princeton, Harvard, Clarkson College of Technology at Potsdam, New York, and Rice Institute, Houston, Texas. He has been professor of civil engineering and dean of the College of Engineering at G. W. since 1922.

War called him to the colors in 1917 as captain in the engineers. As such he was connected in 1920 with the Bankhead Highway Transcontinental Convoy, as engineer officer. The convoy started from the zero milestone south of the White House and in the course of the trip examined 7,000 bridges and repaired or rebuilt 700. In 1921 he was in charge of the survey for a new harbor at Corpus Christi, Texas, the total cost of which was more than four million dollars.

Dean Miller was initiated into $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ in June, 1924. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of Eta Alpha chapter, and his interest in fraternal questions is evidenced by his article in this number of THE OMEGAN entitled "Engineering Students in the University and the Fraternity."

Dean Miller is a prominent member of numerous engineering societies. He has always been an athlete, and is at the present time No. 3 tennis player in the Dumbarton Club of Washington, D.C.

The Dean will not be at George Washington next year, as he has accepted an offer from Union College of Schenectady, New York, to become Professor of Civil Engineering. G. W. is sorry to see him leave, and his place in Eta Alpha chapter can never be properly filled, but G. W.'s loss is Union College's gain, and the best wishes of Dean Miller's fraternity brothers will follow him wherever he may go.

Engineering Students in the University and the Fraternity

HUGH MILLER, ETA ALPHA CHAPTER

Dean of the College of Engineering, George Washington University

This is known as an age of specialization. There is a growing opinion in many quarters that we have carried specialization too far and that we have trained technicians at the expense of broadly trained citizens. If this is true, and I am inclined to think that there is at least some truth in it, we should avoid too early specialization and give our professional men as broad a general education as possible in the time available.

Education is not confined to the classroom. It is a development of mind, heart, and spirit which is brought about by all of our daily contacts. For this reason, I am of the opinion that engineers *can* be better trained in the University than in the technical school. The value of a technical training, in the University, however, may be offset owing to the disadvantages of the diversion of increased social and other interests. The fraternity can be a help or a hindrance to the engineering student, depending upon the conditions surrounding the life of the fraternity and the ideals of its officers and members.

Under the most favorable circumstances, the fraternity is a great help in giving an engineering student that breadth of view, knowledge of life and its work, and a certain technique of action which is very necessary in the engineer's professional life.

Under unfavorable circumstances, the fraternity might create diversions and tend to encourage habits which might be a detriment rather than an advantage to a student in after life.

The question then narrows down to one of the conduct of the fraternity chapter which should be carried out on the basis of the maximum ultimate benefit to its members rather than the maximum enjoyment of life during college years.

George Washington University

GEORGE N. GARDNER, H. A., '27

George Washington, addressing Congress in 1790, suggested that there be established in the proposed new Federal district, a national university where the youth of the land might gather to gain higher education.

This was a year before Congress accepted the tracts of land offered by the legislatures of Virginia and Maryland, of which the District of Columbia was formed.



The Quadrangle of George Washington as it will appear when completed

Washington brought his idea of a national university before Congress several times during his administration, but with

no apparent effect upon that body. He also left a bequest in his will of fifty shares of Potomac Stock, worth \$22,200, to be applied toward the endowment of the university which he had so often urged should be established.

The first President did not live to witness the founding of the college of which he dreamed. Columbian College, as George Washington University was first called, received its charter from Congress February 9, 1821, a little more than twenty-one years after Washington's death, and the first commencement was held on December 15, 1824. Rev. Dr. William Staughton was the first president.

Rev. Luther Rice, an agent of the Baptist General Convention of the United States, conceived in 1817, the idea of founding a university in Washington, and in 1819 he purchased a tract of land upon which to erect the first buildings. The Baptist Convention undertook to back the university financially, and obtained the

charter from Congress which authorized its inception. An important provision of the charter was that no prospective trustees, officers, professors, tutors or pupils should be refused admission or be discriminated against because of matters of religion.

In accordance with the provisions of the charter, Rev. Rice went ahead with the work of founding the departments of the college: preparatory, collegiate, theological, law and medical. The main building of the college, a \$35,000 structure which was begun in 1820, was far enough advanced for occupancy by the early part of 1822. It was a brick building four stories high and accommodated one hundred students. There were also three other buildings on the campus, the President's



Stocton Hall

house, the home of the steward of the college and a hall for the philosophical apparatus, which building also housed the preparatory department.

At the formal inauguration of the faculty on January 15, 1822, many notable and influential persons in the Government at Washington were present. The first commencement took place December 15, 1824, before the President of the United States, the secretaries of State, War and Navy and other prominent personages.

The college opened with thirty-nine students, but the number soon increased to about 250. The Medical Department opened in March, 1825, a little later than the other departments. The Law School was first organized in 1826, but was discontinued soon afterward. Again, in 1865, the Law School was revived, and from that date it has prospered continuously. A theological school was founded in 1825, but it was soon transferred to Newton, Massachusetts, where it is now a flourishing institution.

The Baptist Convention withdrew its support in 1826, and the college was thrown upon its own resources. The few years following, during which the University was establishing itself upon a sound financial basis, were marked by the devotion and loyalty of the faculty. They served for little or no compensation, refusing liberal offers from other institutions of learning.

Rev. Luther Rice, the founder of Columbian College, worked untiringly in the interests of the college until his death in 1836. His whole life was wrapped up in the institution of learning which he had founded, and his passing left a place that could be filled by no one. He had, however, so instilled his principles and methods into his associates in the college that they could not help being successful in whatever ventures they undertook.

The Civil War was the cause of a considerable drop in attendance at Columbian College, as well as at other colleges, but after the war the college revived in spirit and increased materially in number of students. In 1867 there were 439 students and twenty-six instructors.

A permanent Endowment Fund was started in 1871. Mr. W. W. Corcoran, who had previously presented a building for the Medical School, made the first contribution, a tract of 152 acres of land adjoining Washington. The proceeds of the sale of this land formed the nucleus of the endowment.

In 1873 the trustees were authorized to sell College Hill, the property along 14th Street, from Florida Avenue to Columbia Road, and move all the departments down into the heart of Washington. The following March, Congress authorized the trustees to change the name from Columbian College to Columbian University.

The college was located at this time in the vicinity of 15th and H Streets, N. W. The preparatory school was on H Street between 13th and 14th, the present location of the University Hospital. The preparatory school was discontinued a little later, the excellent high schools of Washington making it unnecessary.

In 1885 Mr. Corcoran presented to the University the plot of ground adjoining the preparatory school (now the hospital) for a medical school. The Dental School, founded in 1887 was also housed in this building, and was administered in connection with the Medical School. The Dental School has since been discontinued.

From the date of its founding until 1904 the University was more or less under the influence of the Baptist denomination, but financial support from that body was by no means regular. A special appeal was made in 1889 to a newly formed Baptist Education Society, but this appeal seems to have secured no response. In 1904 Congress passed an Act restoring the non-denominational character of the school and empowering the trustees to change its name.



Corcoran Hall

Columbian University became George Washington University in 1904. The first convocation of the university as George Washington University took place February 22, 1905.

An Act of Congress in 1905 authorized the establishment of associated colleges with financial autonomy, and under this provision the National College of Pharmacy and the College of Veterinary Medicine were organized. The latter has since been abolished.

The College of Arts and Sciences became Columbian College and the Division of Education, Teachers College. Columbian College and Teachers College, together with the College of Engineer-

ing and the School of Graduate Studies were grouped together in the Department of Arts and Sciences. The Law School, and the Medical Department, composed of the Medical School, the University Hospital and the College of Pharmacy, were placed under independent administrations. This condition prevails today.

Co-education was authorized by the Trustees in the discretion of the faculties of the various schools, in 1881. The Medical School admitted a woman in 1884. When the Corcoran Scientific School was opened as a part of the University in 1884, women were admitted. A woman was admitted to Columbian College in 1888. Since the first admission of women, George Washington University has continued to be co-educational.

The property at 15th and H Streets was sold in 1910. The Department of Arts and Sciences moved to a series of buildings on I Street between 16th Street and Vermont Avenue. The Law School was situated first at the Masonic Temple at 13th and H and later at 15th and K Streets, N. W. In 1912 the Arts and Sciences Department moved to its present location on G Street between 20th and 21st Streets. The Law School moved into its new building, Stockton Hall, on 21st Street between G and H in 1925.

William Mather Lewis became President of the University in 1923. Since that time an Endowment and Building Fund has been collected which has resulted in the construction of three new buildings, Corcoran Hall, for the Department of Arts and Sciences, Stockton Hall, for the Law School, and the new gymnasium for the whole University. Construction of another building will be started soon. This building will be known as Unit Number 3 in the quadrangle building plan now being carried out in the vicinity of 20th and G Streets.

Fraternities have flourished upon the campus of G. W. U. for sixty years. There are now twelve fraternities and eleven sororities. The fraternities, other than Theta Upsilon Omega, are Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Acacia, Phi Alpha and Phi Kappa Delta. The sororities are Pi Beta Phi, Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, Phi Mu, Alpha Delta Pi, Gamma Beta Pi, Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Delta, Delta Zeta, Phi Sigma and Phi Sigma Sigma.

There are three legal fraternities, Phi Delta Phi, Phi Alpha Delta and Delta Theta Phi. Medical fraternities are Phi Chi, Alpha Kappa Kappa, Lambda Phi Mu and Phi Delta Epsilon. There are also chapters of Scarab (architecture), Phi Delta Gamma (forensic), Delta Sigma Rho (honorary debating), Pi Delta Epsilon (honorary journalistic) and Sigma Tau (honorary engineering).

There are two legal sororities, Phi Delta Delta and Kappa Beta Pi. There are also Chi Sigma Gamma (chemical) and Gamma Eta Zeta (journalistic).

Each year at the opening of the fall term a Roll Call is held which the students of all departments of the University attend. At this Roll Call the student body is honored by a visit from "George Washington." His features usually bear an uncanny resemblance to some popular campus leader. Each time that the first President appears upon the campus he finds that something new has been added, and that the University that bears his name has grown in experience and in prestige. And each year when the Father of His Country comes to G. W. U. he is more than ever convinced that he was right when he said in his will:

"My mind has not been able to contemplate any place more likely to affect the measure [unifying of the nation by dissemination of knowledge] than the establishment of a UNIVERSITY in a central part of the United States to which the youth of fortune and talents from all parts thereof might be sent for the completion of their education in all branches of polite literature, in arts and sciences, in acquiring knowledge in the principles of politics and good government, and (as a matter of infinite importance in my judgment) by associations with each other."



Arch Recorder J. N. Danehower

J. N. Danehower

In the last issue of the OMEGAN we promised that there would appear at this time a biographical sketch of J. N. Danehower, the newly elected Arch Recorder. It has developed, however, that Brother Danehower is possessed of either an impenetrable modesty or a dark and secret past. At any rate, the best we can do is to publish his picture with the information that he is Marshal of the associate chapter of Epsilon Alpha, and a graduate of Temple University with the class of 1924.

ARCH MASTER ATTENDS CHICAGO INTERFRATERNITY BANQUET

On the evening of February 11th, your Arch Master attended the annual Banquet of the Interfraternity Association of Chicago. The scene was laid in the vast dining room of the Drake Hotel. It is estimated that nearly two thousand fraternity men were present. Practically every college fraternity in the United States was represented. I was the sole representative of Theta Upsilon Omega but at that it was a rare privilege to speak for our fraternity at such a place and at such a time.

The number of members of Theta Upsilon Omega living in Chicago and vicinity is increasing every year. Membership in the Chicago Interfraternity Association is but \$5 a year. I have already talked with the officers of the Association concerning $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$'s becoming a member, and in due course it is expected that we will be officially recognized as a member of this great organization.

Next year, it is planned that a drive be made to have every brother of $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ living in or near Chicago present at this Banquet. Each year a prize is offered by the Association to the fraternity having present at the Banquet the greatest percentage of its total membership living in the territory of Chicago. To those Brothers in Chicago this is advance notice that on February 11, 1927, they will be called upon to help represent $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ at the Interfraternity Association Banquet.

JAMES E. STEVENS, *Arch Master*

The Development of Fraternity Traditions

H. S. PEARSON, © A '26

Chairman of Traditions Committee

What are traditions? Why do we hear so much about them in college and fraternity life? What intrinsic value is there in a tradition that makes it so worthwhile and important?

We, as a national body of fraternity men, do not want to follow blindly the dictates of the past, simply because they are endowed with the authority of age. What your Traditions Committee seeks, and what the brothers of Theta Upsilon Omega desire, is a gradually increasing body of traditions which will help our Fraternity make the most of itself, and help us who are joined in brotherhood to gain the most value possible from our fraternal organization. Thus, as we go forward, we should make it our purpose to be ever selecting those customs which seem to be advantageous. Then in time these customs, if they prove their worth, can be incorporated into our national body as "traditions."

This is the field in which each chapter can be of help to the national organization, and to the Traditions Committee. If a chapter has discovered some idea that through the passage of time has proven its value as a worthwhile tradition, see that the idea is passed on to the Committee, and thus all our chapters may share in its benefits.

Of course, primarily the work of the Committee is to gather up and organize those traditions which will be of value to each chapter in the fraternity. We want to build up a body of common customs which will weld our different parts into one well-functioning, efficient machine.

Your Committee feels its responsibility deeply, and for a very obvious reason. Theta Upsilon Omega is a young organization. Right now, in these years as we are laying our foundations and getting our organization established, the traditions of all time are being formed.

It is much easier to form a habit than to break it, if it proves to be worthless or harmful. So with the matter of fraternity traditions. They are so intangible, little thought of, and accepted in such a matter-of-fact way, that it is an obligation to the future of

our brotherhood to exercise extreme care in the customs and manners of the present which we allow to become real "traditions."

Now for a few traditions we may safely build. First of all comes the spirit that dominates a $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ man. We, as a national fraternity, are uniquely fortunate that our chapters are so similar, in whatever part of the country they may be located. I would say that this spirit should be the underlying and outstanding tradition of all $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ men. The right spirit around the chapter house, on the campus, and toward the national body, will help to blend our efforts, so that we may get the best from college and fraternity life.

Secondly, I should say, we ought to make it a tradition that a member of Theta Upsilon Omega should adopt the right attitude toward his college work. -It is here that a heavy responsibility rests upon each upperclassman.

The freshman who comes to the campus nine times out of ten is bewildered by the great cleavage between college and high school. Everything is different from that to which he has been accustomed. It is our duty to make it a tradition that the upperclassmen shall see to it that the freshmen during the rushing season and after they have been pledged, are set upon the right path for their college career. A freshman may be spoiled because he gets in with the wrong crowd. He may think that he won't have to study, may be inclined not to see the responsibility that is his, in which case an older brother is his help. Several years of observation of this situation have led me to the conclusion that "a good fraternity man is made in his first year." If the upperclass brothers will take cognizance of the responsibility incident to this, no chapter need fear as to its "carrying on."

The Committee, in its report to the next Convocation, is going to recommend that each chapter do a great deal of work with and for its freshmen. Meetings should be held where they may learn the history of our order, its principles and precepts; how they can get the most from college and fraternity life; their responsibility in taking the oaths of our brotherhood; in short, the attitude of the upperclassmen should be that a duty devolves upon them to make the freshmen good fraternity men.

Lastly, I think that a worthwhile tradition will be for Theta Upsilon Omega brothers to assume that they are "fraternity men," rather than "frat" brothers. It is trite to say that you get from life what you put in, but—trite or not—it is the truth. You do

not come to college for fraternity life, and I have known of cases where boys joined a fraternity even though they did have all of the clothes they needed and expected to buy their own tooth paste and hair tonic.

But "fraternity" embodies more of the dignity and seriousness than "frat." Fraternity implies something worthwhile and permanent. The word "frat" lacks these. For a fraternity only justifies its existence to that degree in which it enables its members to get the most and best from their work.

The Man Who Wins

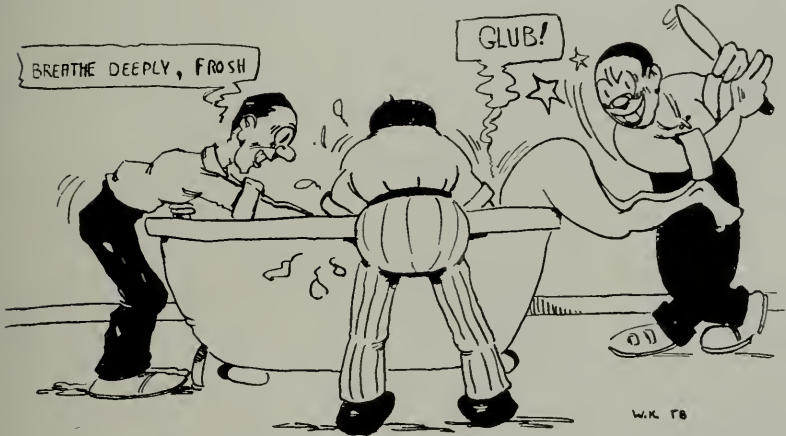
The man who wins is the average man,
Not built on any particular plan,
Not blessed with any particular luck,
Just ready and earnest, and full of pluck.
When asked a question, he does not guess;
He answers the question, "No" or "Yes."
When set to a task that the rest can't do
He buckles down till he's put it through.
Three things he's learned: That he who tries
Finds favor in his employer's eyes:
That it pays to know more than one thing well;
That it doesn't pay all he knows to tell.
For the man who wins is the man who works,
Who neither labor nor trouble shirks,
Who uses his hand, his head, his eyes,
The man who wins is the man who tries.

VANANDA J. MEYL, I A, '26

The Gentle Art of Tubbing

WILLIAM KAUFMANN, T B, '29

Imagine yourself stripped of all clothing except for a bandage over your eyes. Suddenly rough hands grasp you and swing you over what you know to be a tub of ice water. Then, before you have a chance to gasp for air, you are plunged to the bottom. . . . Someone works your stomach like a pile-driver. Eternity seems short compared to the time you are spending in the tub. For a moment you forget where you are and you try to breathe . . . only to get a mouthful of water. Finally, you are pulled out, feeling as if you have water on the brain and a floating kidney.



In outline, this is the gentle art of "tubbing" as practiced at Gamma Beta chapter.

Of course, there are variations. A pillow case may be put over the head of the victim, and he may be submerged not once but six or seven times. Another method is to strap him to a board, lay him in the tub, and then allow the water to drain out as it will. God help him if the drain becomes clogged!

A freshman takes his first plunge into fraternity life on initiation night. From that time to the end of his first year, he takes a bath as often as he fails to comply with house rules. To receive "cinches" for low grades, to smoke cigarettes on the campus, to neglect "week's work," is equivalent to committing suicide by drowning.

It is impossible to avoid these drenchings. Even the most ingenious evasions fail. For example, a frosh once took a mouthful of catsup before going under. When submerged, he opened his mouth and tomato "blood" curled to the surface. The horrified brethren yanked him out and began to give him first aid, but he pushed them aside.

"I'm all right," he giggled. "I just played a little trick on you."

Modesty forbids us to tell what happened to the ingenious frosh.

Another unique personality in our house actually enjoyed tubbings. He would laugh at the futile efforts of upperclassmen to annoy him as he lay at the bottom of the bath. I once asked him how he had developed his talent.

"It's just the result of faithful practice," he replied. "Every morning upon arising I hold my head in a basin of water for two minutes while singing, 'I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles.'"

Cover Design Contest

A prize of one life subscription to the OMEGAN will be awarded to the one who submits the best original design for a cover. The following rules are to govern the contest:

1. Both active and associate members are eligible to enter designs.
2. No limit is placed upon the number of designs which may be entered by any individual.
3. Entries must reach the OMEGAN office, Box 1, Wanaque, New Jersey, not later than midnight, December 27, 1926.
4. Designs must be submitted in proper shape for reproduction. That is, they must not be simply sketches.
5. Designs which call for the use of gold or of halftone inserts should be avoided, although they are not barred.
6. It is recommended that a suggestion concerning an appropriate texture and shade of cover paper accompany each entry.

The judging will take place at the next Arch Convocation by a committee which will be announced at a future date.

The Fraternity Caterer and His Job

MILLARD T. BUNNELL, I A

To be criticised severely but seldom praised, to be the butt of ridicule, to be confronted with difficult problems, this is the experience of the fraternity caterer. No officer in a college fraternity gets the destructive criticism that the caterer gets. Verbally he is batted around like a rubber ball; that is, if he will stand for it. Show the men who have elected you to office that you mean business, and much of the criticism thrust at you will immediately cease to be.

Important indeed is the caterer's job. He must not run the fraternity into debt. Usually he is expected to make a profit from the proceeds of the dining room. He has the precarious job of seeing that each man in the fraternity has a full stomach. His job is to satisfy.

One of the first things a caterer learns is that he cannot please everyone. Therefore, my first advice to a man just starting in as a caterer is this—try to please the majority, but “let the knockers knock.”

Then comes the important matter of the hiring of help. Upon the selection of your help to a great extent depends your success as a caterer. The cook is your right hand partner. Above all things get a cook who knows how to cook. Some merely pretend. A good cook should have an extensive knowledge of various dishes, be a good baker and be able to suggest a well balanced menu. Watch your cook. See that he or she is economical. Look over the stock in your pantry and storeroom every day and see just what is used, what is needed, and how much. Economy in cooking and using of material will mean much toward your success as a caterer. In a nice but forceful ways always let the cook know that *you* are the boss. Keep the upper hand at all times or you will have much to regret.

Keep a watchful eye on your kitchen help. Your waiters, dish washer, dish dryer, etc., need supervision. Warn them that care be exercised in handling dishes. Great breakage of dishes and glassware will increase your expenses.

Your most difficult work is the planning of the menu. An appetizing, varied and pleasing menu requires careful thought on your part. The best thing to do is to buy a few books on menu plan-

ning. Spend a spare hour with the cook in planning your meals. I have learned that it is not advisable to plan meals from day to day. Outline your meals for at least an entire week, and still better for a month. Concentrated attention at one time is planning meals is a time saver and eliminates constant worry. Furthermore it helps you in your buying. At times it may be necessary to change a menu but that can be easily done whenever the occasion arises.

The best way to a man's heart and friendship is through his stomach. See that your fraternity brothers are served good food and you will be one of the best liked men in the fraternity. Serving good meals benefits the fraternity. The men are pleased. Better harmony exists and grouchiness becomes non-existent. Men in a good spirit of mind will work harder for the betterment of the fraternity.

"Fraternity caterers are easy marks," say some salesmen. They don't tell the eaterers that but they tell other people and many of them think it without mentioning it. Study your salesmen, their goods, their concerns and their methods of doing business. A salient fact in buying is to know the various brands of goods. If you are not experienced in buying, write to various concerns asking for information concerning their products. Try several brands of goods in small quantities. These "trial tests" will help you.

Always have at least a fair idea of market quotations. Show the salesmen you know something about your job. Salesmen are human beings, therefore consider them as such. Treat them right and they will be your friends. Let them state their business and you can decide whether or not you want to buy. If you do not care to buy, tell them so in a nice but emphatic way and end the matter there. Do not show hesitation or lack of will power. When you say no mean no! Beware of the smooth and insistent talker who is hard to get rid of. Do not buy from a man because he has personality. You represent your fraternity. Remember that it is your duty to be economical. If a man has a satisfactory price on a good brand of goods, buy from him.

Watch out for "baiters" when buying. Some salesmen come to you and say, "Look, here is a mighty good price on pineapple, it can't be beat on the present market." If you are on the job, you will realize it if it is a good price. You buy pineapple. Then he makes another offer which is a money saver and you buy. After that

you are liable to give him a big order if you are an unwary caterer. If you do, you have "bitten." The agent simply offered you two bargains and then proceeded to make up for them by selling you other goods at such a price that in the end you did not get any bargains at all. Don't be misled that way. If a salesman has good prices on some things, buy them but do not give him a big order for other items unless the prices are right.

It is not necessary to buy from agents. If you can do business with a company by mailing your orders and get better results than through salesmen, do so.

Buy your goods in wholesale quantities whenever possible. Don't buy cocoa in five pound lots when you can buy it much cheaper in fifty or hundred pound lots. Get your flour by the barrel, not in small quantities. There are some things which must be bought with caution. Do not buy too much coffee at one time. My experience has taught me that it is best to buy coffee in thirty or fifty pound lots and in some moisture-proof and air-proof package or container. Ground coffee loses its strength and flavor rapidly.

Watch the market quotations. Because you buy from one place at a good price one week does not indicate that you can buy most profitably from the same place the following week. When I became caterer in my fraternity, I learned that we had been paying fifty-five cents per pound for butter. The first butter I bought cost me forty-eight cents and was of equal quality. The butter market is a good one to watch.

My predecessor had been paying fifty-two cents per pound for coffee. I tried an experiment. I purchased a uniformly good coffee, freshly ground, from a reliable concern at thirty-eight cents per pound. To my amazement the fellows never realized that a change had been made in the kind of coffee served. Some who are ardent coffee drinkers will, perhaps, recognize the change, but the majority will not as long as there is not too great a difference.

Keep an eye open for specials. When you call up the local butcher or grocer ask if there are any specials. The grocer may tell you he has a fine lot of cabbage which he will sell at a bargain in one hundred pound lots. If you use much cabbage, it will be a good buy. The butcher usually has bargains. It is a good idea to select your own meat if you have the time. Much money can be saved by buying a quarter of beef or a hog. Weigh your meat: in fact, weigh

everything you can. If you do, you will be prouder to state the amount of your profits to your fraternity brothers at the end of the month. Some of this advice may sound far fetched but try it out. That is what I did and I learned a few things.

Check up on your milkman, eggman, etc. If you order twenty quarts of milk, do you know whether or not you are getting twenty quarts? I do not mean to insinuate that milkmen are dishonest, but people will make mistakes. Go around and visit your grocer and butcher occasionally and have a chat with them. It pays.

A big problem for the caterer is the handling of his fraternity brothers. This requires tact, personality, and above all, *forcefulness*. Rules are necessary. Do not allow any loafing in the kitchen. Have a fine for it. Do not allow any food to be eaten or taken from the kitchen without your consent. Have a fine for it.

Work out a system of allowing rebates for missing of meals. You can form your own system. Some caterers require that six or nine successive meals must be missed before credit will be given. Others are not that lenient. It all depends on the attitude of the fraternity. In special cases where a man is in training for boxing, etc., an allowance must be made. You can easily do this.

A caterer should have his own bookkeeping system of work in conjunction with the treasurer. Always know where you stand financially. Make monthly reports. On the first of each month take inventory of stock. All of this is too obvious and is done by every efficient caterer, therefore I will say little about it. Always know what you have in stock. It is sufficient to say that it pays.

The caterer's job if properly conducted is a big one. To aid him there should be an assistant caterer. The assistant should be a man who will succeed the present caterer when he leaves school. By using the assistant caterer plan you always have an experienced man on the job. It proves beneficial to the fraternity. The average college student knows little or nothing about catering, but after a year's experience under one who knows his job, he is qualified for the work. The plan has been a pronounced success in our chapter.

The Honor Spirit at California A Cherished Tradition

PHILIP DICKINSON, F B '27

Since the year 1905 the students of the University of California have enjoyed the benefits of Student Self-Government. This great privilege and responsibility consists of complete student control and jurisdiction in matters of finance, activities, and government. Just as a resident of a city is a citizen of that city and participates in that city's government, so a student at California is a University citizen, and upon his shoulders rests the responsibility of proper participation in his student relationships.

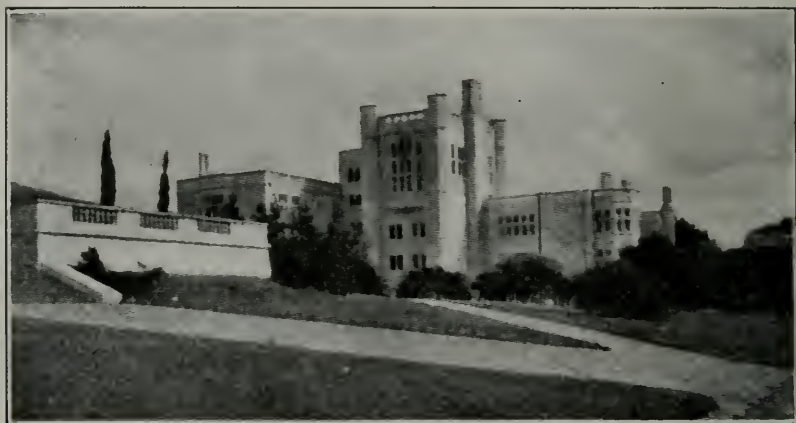
The existence of Student Self-Government at California is made possible by the developing among the student body of a community conscience known as the "Honor Spirit." This spirit is our most cherished tradition. It is inspired by the high ideals of truth upon which a university must always rest. In regard to the class room it stands for the intolerance by students of the giving or receiving of aid during examinations and the dishonesty of any act whatsoever which may affect the character of a student's academic work. In daily campus life it signifies that the moral behavior of Californians must be above reproach.

The Honor Spirit is so named because each student is left entirely upon his own honor to conduct in a rightful manner his academic and social activities. The president and faculty have placed upon the students themselves through their own organization, the Associated Students, the responsibility to act at all times in accordance with the highest principles of moral integrity.

Men and women attending college should have reached a sufficient stage of maturity and intelligence to be loyal to the common welfare of the university community, but it is not always easy to maintain this spirit of honesty. During examinations it is a difficult task at times for an individual to refrain from helping out a friend in distress. It is well, however, to bear in mind that helping a friend to get through the university at the expense of his own character is a doubtful kindness. We must remember also that a student who steals from his neighbor causes the unjust failure of honest classmates: for a student who deserves to fail, but who

climbs out of his group on the back of somebody else, forces some other honest student back into the group who are marked "failed." Thus the Honor Spirit is built on the basic fact that in some forms of competition one can help neither friend nor foe without doing wrong to both. In this light California students are bound to it.

During all examinations at the University of California the professor or instructor remains out of the class room until the end of the hour. There are no proctors employed by the faculty to see that the students do not cheat. They are left entirely upon their own honor.



Stephens Union, home of the Associated Students

It would be wrong to assert that all students in so large a university abide faithfully by the Honor Spirit. Perfection of conduct cannot be expected to be universal in any community of twelve thousand souls. The machinery of government by which those few persons are punished, who are morally too weak to be worthy of the trust of their fellow students or the confidence of the University, is the Student Affairs committee. This committee, chosen by the Executive Council of the A.S.U.C., is composed entirely of students, and is permitted to punish offenders by expulsion from the University, loss of credit, probation, or other sentences which apply to the case under consideration. Along with the imposed obligation of personal loyalty and honesty, the Honor Spirit likewise assigns to the student the disagreeable duty of re-

porting all violations of this code to the Student Affairs committee. Loyal members of the student body are zealously on watch to see to it that none of their fellow students disregard the trust which the Honor Spirit imposes upon them. In this manner all cases of violation are dealt with from beginning to end by the students alone.

The responsibility thus placed upon the student of honestly managing his own affairs is a training that is of inestimable value in his later life. Student Self-Government in colleges and universities is a phrase often used carelessly. Loose references to it seem to imply that the student goes his own carefree way, the faculty and administration seizing the opportunity to drop their burden of supervision. This impression is false.

In a university, with its relatively mature average students, problems of regulation and discipline can be accomplished more readily and with less friction if the students are allowed to work out a solution for themselves. Put on their own mettle to deal with these problems, they respond with an idealism and seriousness of purpose that speaks well for the standards of modern university students. This is the essential truth upon which the Honor Spirit and Student Self-Government at California have successfully existed.

The Chapter Paper

Four Chapters Send Papers

Chapter papers received since the March issue went to press are: *The Bulletin*, Gamma Alpha chapter, G. G. N. Purcell, editor; *The Oak Leaves*, Delta Alpha chapter, R. M. Francis, editor; *The Epsilonian*, Epsilon Alpha chapter, J. L. Vosburg, editor; *The Whistle*, Eta Alpha chapter, George N. Gardner, editor.

The Bulletin, the chapter paper of Gamma Alpha, although it proposes to be published only "semi-occasionally," has arrived with greater regularity than any other chapter paper. Four issues have been received since the first of the year.

The Bulletin

We make mention of *The Bulletin* again because some very complete and interesting issues have come out since the paper was reviewed in the March issue of THE OMEGAN. They have contained letters by the secretary of the associate chapter, school news of Stevens, news of impending chapter social functions, alumni notes, and a statement of the scholastic standing of the chapter. A printed schedule of all spring intercollegiate sports participated in by Stevens Institute of Technology formed a supplement to one issue. Such a thoughtful touch must surely be appreciated by the many Stevens alumni who live near enough to attend athletic events at the Institute.

Above all, the frequency of issue of *The Bulletin* insures that all of this news is fresh.

The Oak Leaves

A copy of *The Oak Leaves* of Delta Alpha chapter was received on March 24. Not wishing to discourage any honest endeavor, we tried diligently to find one redeeming feature which we could conscientiously commend. It is hectographed and covers one and one-quarter pages of standard letter size paper. The editor

has evidently a poor conception of his task. Outside of the news that the chapter has rented a new house for next year, and a nauseating request for monetary contributions, the paper contains very little.


The Epsilonian

The editor of *The Epsilonian* has produced a paper which is a distinct credit to the chapter and to his own ability. The seven neatly multigraphed pages contain a review of all of the chapter's activities since the beginning of the fall term. A resolution on the death of Dr. Conwell occupies a frontispiece page. The remainder of the paper deals with intra-mural athletics, news of individuals elected to honor societies, alumni news, and business connected with the renting of a new house. Our only criticism is that most of the news is very old. We imagine that most of the alumni of Epsilon Alpha chapter knew before receiving *The Epsilonian* on March first that Brother Cresse had been elected football captain; that the associate chapter elected officers on October tenth; and that Brother Conwell had passed away. These news items were all treated in THE OMEGAN, and some of them in the public press. A smaller and more frequent paper would correct this difficulty.

The Whistle

Inasmuch as most of the Θ Υ Ω lawyers are members of the Eta Alpha chapter, it is strictly fitting that *The Whistle* be mimeographed on legal size paper. The issue of March 15 carries as its leading articles accounts of the Founders' Day dance and the unsuccessful effort of Eta Alpha to win first place in intra-mural bowling from Acaecia. Several short facetious articles interspersed with the others make the paper easy to read. Except for the noticeable lack of alumni news, the paper is good. It shows careful editing.

An issue of April fifth followed close on the heels of the one reviewed above. The reason for this "extra" undoubtedly was a natural desire on the part of the active chapter to tell its alumni of its pride in winning the fraternity scholarship cup at George Washington University. This effort to spread the news while it is news is truly commendable.



Editorials

Alumni Support

The article published in this issue of THE OMEGAN on raising money from alumni, written by William L. Phillips, Grand Secretary of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, is a more candid and rational discussion of this subject than we have seen in a long while. It is recommended to every alumnus and active member of Theta Upsilon Omega as an article well worth reading and one from which a good deal of benefit can be derived.

The plan of finance outlined by Mr. Phillips represents the fruits of some nine years of study of this particular problem. It has been applied by Sigma Phi Epsilon since August 1, 1924, and has met with remarkable success and approval. This article will no doubt assist many active members in obtaining a clearer conception of the problems they face in soliciting alumni support by the current popular methods.

A Defense of Dissenters

Consider the dissenter.

Do you laugh him down, shrug your shoulders at his objections, ridicule his propositions in house meetings? Do you call him radical, and think him impractical? Do you burn his ears with scorching denunciations of disloyalty, and lack of fraternal spirit?

Don't do that. Consider him.

He is in good company. The Supreme Court of the United States is elevated by the presence of one of the greatest jurists of the present age, Justice Holmes. He is eighty-four years old and has spent his life in the judiciary. One could not accuse a man of his vast experience of being visionary, or hot with the rebellions of youth. Yet he has earned himself the name of the Great Dissenter.

Justice Holmes is loved by all students of the law. His opinions abound in common sense, and in a kindly understanding of humanity and its problems. Though none know them better than

he, he has refused steadfastly to apply legal rules to situations where those rules were out of place. More than any other judge, he has refused to follow the majority, and has written minority opinions.

These dissenting opinions have had great weight in the development of the law. They have stimulated reflection on underlying principles, and whether the final decision was in their favor or otherwise, they have had the effect of founding new applications on a sound basis.

Your dissenter can do as much for you. The problems of a fraternity are not always as easy of solution as appears at first blush. Hidden difficulties are not always apparent. Measures carried by a wave of enthusiasm oftentimes result in ship-wrecks on hidden reefs. If your dissenter pours oil on the wave, subsiding it, he is doing a service.

Do not totally disregard his inhibitions, warnings, and ideas. Weigh them. Apply them to your problem, and then proceed as reason dictates.

You can override your dissenter if you wish. But first take the fruits of his suggestions. He has a place in your counsel.

Consider him.

W. REGINALD JONES, F B '25

WATCH THIS LIST GROW!

Since life subscriptions to THE OMEGAN were offered a short time ago, the following have been received:

Jacob Davis, Iota Alpha
Harold Hartwell, Beta Alpha
Alvin Johnson, Gamma Alpha
Henry Jordan, Iota Alpha
Rupert Kimball, Theta Alpha
Edward Laufer, Gamma Alpha
Samuel McGinness, Lambda Alpha
Kenneth Merriam, Beta Alpha
Frederick Whiting, Theta Alpha
Frederick Wierck, Gamma Alpha

CHAPTER NEWS



Beta Alpha

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

The past month has been a gala one socially, with dances the twentieth of March and the third of April, as well as the Interfraternity, which was well supported by the whole gang. The brothers are now all set for House Party, April 16 and 17, and all indications are that it will be largely attended. It will include the Junior Prom and the Tech Show.

Beta Alpha was hearty in its reception of the news recently that Ted Lewis was one of eight juniors pledged to Skull, the senior honorary fraternity, membership in which is based on activity and popularity.

Moco Lowell, Sammy Hall, and Swede Johnson were roped in by the Knights of the Road a short while ago, and the frowns of our faculty brothers face them at each meeting. Professor Knight and Brother Cowden feel that the organization is composed of class-cutters, bums, and other less worthy individuals. The three brothers voted unanimously to attend all classes to dispel this erroneous impression.

Swede Johnson is now a junior editor on the *Tech News*. He, Frankie Fleming, and Andy Toussaint are working out for managerial positions on the Masque.

The brothers are all out daily warming up for the interfraternity baseball season, which is about to commence. Our best pitching prospect, Carl Robinson, was stolen by the varsity coach, and is the leading candidate for the twirling berth. He is one of the best freshman pitching prospects seen on Tech Hill for some years. Bob Johnson is looking out for him from his official job as assistant manager of baseball.

A new pledge arrived a short while ago and was immediately christened Mike Omega. There were so many discussions and arguments as to his breed that it has been decided that Mike is just plain "dog," without any frills. A supplement to the house rules

has been posted placing a ban on howling between the hours of 10 P.M. and 5 A.M., and between 5 A.M. and 10 P.M. Mike has been thrown in the tub twice for disobeying said rules.

Gamma Alpha

Stevens Institute of Technology

The Stevens Varsity Show has just passed into history. T. U. O. men were active in many departments of the show. E. P. Walsh, '27, was Cast Manager. K. F. Hourigan, '26, was Program Manager with M. A. Chaillet, '27, as assistant, and C. S. Shepherd, '28, completing the department. T. L. Hall, '26, was Lighting Manager, with F. N. Esher, '27, as assistant, and G. G. N. Purcell, '27, on the staff. Pledge C. R. Nichols was the dancing hit of the show. Pledge J. F. Sheridan was on the stage staff. Needless to say, the show was a success.

A. H. Meinhold, '29, received his major letter in basketball after a very successful season. Art played every game and showed us how it should be done. He is now out for baseball, in which he is reported quite proficient.

Lacrosse claims the attention of several of our brothers: Hall, '26, Hourigan, '26, Esher, '27, Coughy, '28, Shepherd, '28, and pledges Nichols, '28, and McDermott, '29.

The chapter is doing its best to win the Scholarship Trophy for the third time, in which case it will become the permanent property of the chapter. The average for the first term was 77, which is the highest in several years and well above the college average, which is generally about 70.

A smoker is to be held at the chapter house May first, in celebration of the founding of Theta Upsilon Omega. Supper will be served and then an excellent program of professional and amateur entertainment will be provided. J. K. Lilley, '27, of Iota Alpha, who is living at the house, will contribute to the entertainment in a banjo duet with Brother Geh, '25. Our Arch Ritualist, Arthur J. Weston, will give a talk which is sure to be a real treat.

Elections have placed the following men in office: M. A. Chaillet, Master; I. D. Felter, Marshal; F. N. Esher, Scribe; E. P. Walsh, Recorder; G. G. N. Purcell, Herald; R. D. Sheehan, Chaplain; F. Sutton, Jr., Steward.

The installation took place March 15. Brother T. L. Hall installed the new officers.

Delta Alpha**University of Illinois**

BATTEY IS CHOSEN MANAGER OF STAR COURSE FOR 1926-27

R. T. Battey, Δ A '27, was elected manager of the University of Illinois Star Course for the 1926-27 season at a special meeting of the board March 31. The Star Course is the name given to the

series of concerts and entertainments given at the University by professional artists. Stars of the Metropolitan Opera and other world famous musicians, dramatists, and lecturers appear under this management.

Battey has served as sophomore assistant and junior manager for the last two years. He has been interested in the business and production side of many campus shows. He was a member of the production staffs of "Oh Boy" and "Sin," worked on the business staff of "The First Year," and was one of the co-managers of "Robin Hood."



R. T. Battey

He is a member of Adelpheic Literary Society, Pi Delta Epsilon, Alpha Delta Sigma,

Phi Delta Gamma, and Pierrot.

Epsilon Alpha**Temple University**

The third annual dinner dance of Epsilon Alpha chapter, held at McAllister's Ballroom on March 26, was one of the most enjoyable social events ever given by the chapter. Over forty couples attended. We were especially pleased to have so many of our associate members with us.

Professor Whitaker, who acted as toastmaster, very appropriately presented to Past Masters O'Nan, '24, MacFarland, '25, and Mease, '26, silver banded gavels in appreciation of their efforts in bringing the chapter up to its present standard.

Members of the committee were Brothers Rittenhouse, '26, chairman, Winch, '26, Robbins, '26, Pearce, '27, and Vosburg, '27.

Our pledge chapter consists of fourteen members. The spring initiation will be completed May first.

The interfraternity ball, sponsored by the interfraternity council, is creating so much interest on the campus that it gives promise of being the most brilliant social function of the season. One thousand couples are expected to attend the affair on April 23 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Brother Pearce is a member of the dance committee, and pledge brother Armstrong is accomplishing wonders as publicity agent.

Charles E. Beury, successor to Dr. Conwell as President of Temple University, is a hearty supporter of fraternity life on the campus. As a guest of Epsilon Alpha chapter at luncheon recently he displayed a particular interest in the future of the fraternity.

Zeta Alpha

Bucknell University

Zeta Alpha's Spring Week-end Party was held April 16 to 18. The Junior Prom, the only all-college formal, took place on Friday night, April 16. The Great White Fleet orchestra of Worcester, Massachusetts played. On Saturday night the Bucknell Blue Band played for the four-hour dance at the chapter house. The house was beautifully decorated, and the forty couples had ample room to Charleston or "anything you please."

Ray Edwards, '26, retired on April 20 from the presidency of the Y.M.C.A. In the new cabinet, Frank Loper, '29, succeeds Ray G. Daggs, '26, as secretary.

Douglas Anderson, '27, has been selected as the Bucknell Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalistic fraternity, representative to the California Convention on September 8, 9, 10.

V. W. McHail, '28, has been elected editor-in-chief of the 1926-27 Y.M.C.A. handbook, and also news editor of the Bucknellian, the University weekly paper.

Pledges Roth and Rivenburg, both '29, are pledges of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, honorary musical fraternity.

Pledge Teddie Mitchell, '29, has made his mark in three athletic sports: halfback in football, guard in basketball, and catcher in baseball. His consistently good work in his freshman year augurs well for his remaining three years.

Zeta Alpha's basketball team completed a very successful basketball team, winning 5 out of 6 league games, only to lose to the Sigma Chis in the semi-finals. The $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ team was the "dark horse" of the race, but lost to a superior team in the semi-finals. The tournament was finally won by the Lambda Chi Alpha quintet.

On March 26, the co-eds were entertained at a three-hour dance. Music was furnished by Jack Gardner's Campus Serenaders, of which Halleran, '27 and Shorts, '29, are members.



R. G. Daggs

Ray G. Daggs, '26, ranks high in the premedical course at Bucknell, and in addition finds time to be president of the Pre-Medical Society, secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Cabinet, president of the Epworth League in the Methodist Church, a member of the band, and assistant to three professors on the Hill. Last year he took an active part in the play, "All on Account of Polly," which was presented in several surrounding towns as well as in Lewisburg. Further details will be found on page 119.

Eta Alpha

George Washington University

The scholarship cup, one of the most sought-after trophies awarded in interfraternity competition at George Washington University, was won by Eta Alpha chapter, and presented at the Interfraternity Prom March 19. The average percentage of the active members of the chapter was 83.2.

Competition for the cup was keen, Kappa Alpha having an average only three-tenths of a point less than that of $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$, and six fraternities having better than 80 per cent. The award was made on the basis of grades made last year.

Fred Youngman, '27, has the distinction of being the only man in the University whose grades helped to win two scholarship cups. Fred is a member of Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity which won the cup offered for professional fraternities.

The averages of the social fraternities were: Theta Upsilon Omega, 83.2; Kappa Alpha, 82.9; Phi Sigma Kappa, 82.4; Acacia,

81.6; Theta Delta Chi, 80.92; Sigma Chi, 80.92; Kappa Sigma, 78.8; Sigma Nu, 77.05; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 76.46; Delta Tau Delta, 76.2; Sigma Phi Epsilon, 74.87.

Bowlers of $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ tied with Acacia and Theta Delta Chi for the championship of League 2 in the interfraternity bowling series. In the play-off Acacia took first place by a narrow margin from $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$, which finished second. Acacia subsequently won from the League 1 champions to win the bowling trophy which was given by the Interfraternity Council.

Everett H. Buck, '27, was captain and manager of the team. The other bowlers were G. Lee Trenholm, '26, Floyd Pomeroy, '29, Ronald N. Marquis, '26, Henry W. Herzog, '29 and John P. Marquis '29.

Eta Alpha chapter's baseball players are working out frequently under the direction of Manager Henry Herzog, '29, in preparation for the interfraternity series, which will open April 11.

As is usual in interfraternity athletics at George Washington University, the fraternities are grouped into two leagues. With $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ in League A are Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Nu. The winner in League A will play the winner of League B on May 16 for the championship.

The Interfraternity Council is sponsoring a tennis tournament for the G. W. fraternities this spring, and Eta Alpha Chapter will enter a team. Each encounter will consist of five matches, two doubles and three singles, and a fraternity may use either four or five men.

An informal dance was held at the chapter house April 8 with about twenty-five couples present. Dancing continued until twelve, when the crowd adjourned to Childs' Restaurant, the place favored by G. W. students for "a bite after the dance."

Pledges Warren L. Briggs and John P. Marquis appeared as the "Theta Upsilon Omega Entertainers" in the Third Annual Vaudeville of the Dramatic Association. Their act, consisting of songs and dialogues, was enthusiastically received by the audience, which demanded repeated encores.

Pi Delta Epsilon, honorary journalism fraternity, held its annual initiation at the $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ house March 5, at which time nine men were conducted through the mystic rites. Among the nine were the following $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$'s: Howard M. Baggett, '27, Raymond H.

Reed, '27, George N. Gardner, '27, Julian Turner, '28, and Cleon K. Fierstone.

When the George Washington University Glee Club gave its Annual Concert, $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ was represented by Ronald N. Marquis, '26, John H. Poole, '28, and Pledges John F. Marquis and Victor Koeh. Pledge Marquis also danced in the Charleston Specialty presented by four members of the club as a feature of the entertainment.

Theta Alpha

University of New Hampshire

Theta Alpha has had a successful winter term. We had a big time at the Winter Carnival. New Hampshire decisively defeated Dartmouth. This year House Parties were held in connection with the Carnival.

"Moose" Hersey, '25, is hard at work on plans for the new house, which we hope to have ready in the fall.

Lloyd Simpson, '26, was on the varsity debating team, while Brother Chase, '25, is taking a prominent part in dramatics.

"Si" Sawyer, our chemist, gave a cat a quart of gasoline to clean the carbon out of its system. The cat got too near the fireplace and exploded.

The big event of the term was the arrival of eight pups to our fraternity dog, Theta. "Obed" Young, '23, who still has hopes of graduating, accepts full responsibility for their nurture and upbringing.

Iota Alpha

Pennsylvania State College

In the recent elections, the following men were elected to office: Master, Shuman; Recorder, Suter; Steward, Blank; Chaplain, Caldwell; Scribe, Brandt; Herald, Henderson; Editor, Treichler; Historian, Patterson.

In an effort to boost the grades of underclassmen, a study hall has been instituted for three hours every night. A senior is in charge.

The senior members have presented the house with an honor roll, upon which is placed the name of the man chosen by secret vote as having shown the best fraternity spirit and reflecting the most credit on $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$.

Gilbert Fieger, '28, recently pledged, has proven his worth by annexing the 125 pound intercollegiate boxing championship. He has recently been pledged to Skull and Bones, campus honorary society.

Brother Bird was awarded an "S" in recognition of his work with a rifle. He deserves much credit, being high scorer on the team.

Brothers Sweitzer and Roye have won numerals by securing positions on the sophomore basketball and boxing teams respectively.

Kappa Alpha

Davidson College

Kappa Alpha has shared largely in the honors of the campus in the spring initiations. The honorary fraternities at Davidson have two bid days a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. This spring Brother Appleby was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Brother Thompson to Gamma Sigma Epsilon, national chemical fraternity, of which Brother Appleby is both president of the local chapter and also of the national fraternity. Brother Lowrance was elected to the Biology Club.

For the first time in the history of the college, the fraternities are engaging in interfraternity athletics. Interfraternity basketball has come and gone. Each fraternity played until it was eliminated. Our first encounter was with the Betas. We disposed of them to the tune of 8-6, Brother Maulden shooting the winning goal from mid-floor in the last minute of play. The game was featured by close guarding on the part of both teams. Brother Reid was the shining guard of Kappa Alpha's team. Our next game was with the S.A.E.'s. They defeated us by the score of 32-12. Brother Claytor was high point man with six points.

Horseshoe pitching is next in order among the fraternities. Our first match is with the Phi Gams. It has not been decided yet as to baseball. We hope that it will be included among the interfraternity sports.

The social occasion of the year came off April first to sixth, inclusive. Each fraternity staged the biggest house party of the year for this gala occasion. Kappa Alpha held the most elaborate and picturesque event in its history. The most beautiful belles of the Southland were imported for the party that will live long in the

memory of those who participated. The Junior Class sponsors this Junior Week, and acts as hosts for the occasion. Each year the Junior Class tries to outdo the previous class. The festivities began on the evening of April first. On Friday afternoon there was a baseball game, and in the evening the performance of the Glee Club and Dramatic Club. Saturday afternoon there was a track meet, and Saturday evening the Carnival in the Gym.

On the afternoon of Easter Monday, our varsity baseball team played the University of North Carolina. Then in the evening came the grand climax, the dance sponsored by the St. Cecilia Club. Dancing began at ten-thirty and lasted until five. Tuesday, the girls departed, each expressing her opinion as to the success of the party. Only the college events have been mentioned in the above summary of happenings. One must not overlook the fact that during all the hours of the day, and to a large degree those of the night, the brothers were struttin' their stuff with the fair damsels. We have not taken an inventory of pins yet, but we do know that several hearts were lost.

Lambda Alpha

Westminster College

At Westminster the $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ quartette has been appropriated by the News Bureau to assist with the publicity of the Diamond Jubilee Campaign. Known as the Diamond Jubilee Quartette, the group has sung at alumni dinners in Pittsburgh, Butler, Sharon, and Mercer, and has been not a minor factor in raising enthusiasm and pledges for the college.

In addition to its activity under the direction of the News Bureau, the quartette has sung in Knox, at the Majestic Theatre in Butler, and at the Penn Theatre in New Castle. At the Majestic, the quartette won the silver cup offered as first prize in a quartette contest, and will represent Butler in an inter-city contest at the Harris Theatre, Pittsburgh. The members of the quartet are Dean Anderson, first tenor; William Norton, second tenor; Luther Braham, baritone; and James Guthrie, bass. Brother Guthrie, in addition, is a member of the double quartet recently selected from the men's glee club.

The $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ boys came through one hundred per cent in the Million Dollar Diamond Jubilee Campaign for the building of the new Westminster campus and for endowment. Thomas Gibson, '26, was the chairman of the student drive.

R. Ralph Bunn, of Cleveland, Ohio, has been pledged.

The following freshmen were initiated on February 12: James Guthrie, Connoquessing, Pa.; Delbert Smith, Youngstown, Ohio; James Latimer, New Alexandria, Pa.; Charles Agers, Cannonsburgh, Pa.; John Offutt, New Castle, Pa.; William Balph, New Castle, Pa.; Luther Braham, Butler, Pa.; R. Graham Fithian, Butler, Pa.; Wilbur Baldinger, Butler, Pa.; Howard Britton, Butler, Pa.; Clarence Kennedy, New Castle, Pa.

John Armstrong was chosen on the All-Star Intra-mural Team.

"Biff" Logan and "Rusty" Coles won letters in basketball.

Beta Beta

Miami University

A few weeks ago the various honorary societies on the campus elected a number of new members. P. J. Kramer, '26, has studied hard throughout his college career, and we are proud of his election to Phi Beta Kappa. H. Clay Flynn was elected to Phi Gamma Phi, French honorary society.

Beta Beta announces the initiation of five new members. We are glad to welcome Brothers Justin, '29, King, '29, Aupperle, '26, Mayhew, '27, and Rogers, '28, into the chapter. We also announce the pledging of Professor D. L. Demorest as a faculty member. Professor Demorest will be initiated in the near future. He is a professor of Romance Languages, and one of the best liked members of the faculty.

Intramural baseball will open in a few days, and Beta Beta hopes again to come to the front. Beta Beta has won the divisional championship for the last two years.

On March sixth, quite a number of University guests were entertained at the chapter house with an informal dance. The Spring Formal will be held May first.

Gamma Beta

University of California

Plans for our new house are coming right along now and we will know within a week or two whether we will be able to move in next semester or not. Our problem consists in clearing the title on our lot which we purchased last semester. As soon as this is done we can start building. Ernie DeChenne, '19, president of the Gamma Beta associate body, and Wilbur D. Peugh, '23, drew up the plans for the new home and they surely look like plans for a

palace compared to our present shanty. It is Gamma Beta's hope that the next issue of THE OMEGAN will contain an article on our new home. We'll know soon!

The class of '26 held its farewell get-together dinner a few nights ago as a parting blowout before graduation. From the sound of things heard upstairs the boys must have had a pretty good time.

Eight pledges for next semester's initiation is the record already attained by Gamma Beta chapter during this term's late rushing. This is the best that the house has ever done before and of course we expect to get about that many more in the regular rushing season next fall. The greater percentage of these men will live in the house which is another desirable feature. With such a prosperous outlook we are looking forward to a successful term next semester.

Gamma Beta's batteries for next semester, chosen at house meeting last Monday night, are MacSweeney and Mahoney, Master and Recorder respectively. We look for our team to function well during the coming term with such an Irish combination at the head. The chapter takes this opportunity to wish them all the success in the world and promise them its hearty co-operation during the coming year.

The complete list of officers elected is as follows: Master, Theobald C. MacSweeney, '27; Recorder, Joseph P. Mahoney, '27; Herald, J. Felton Turner, '28; Chaplain, Frank F. Gill; '28; Scribe, J. Oren Jones, '29.

Two exchange dances have been held by Gamma Beta chapter during the last six weeks. The first one was with the Beta Phi Alphas and the other with the Alpha Sigma Deltas. Both sororities were somewhat taken back by our high-class music furnished by "Pash" Carey's orchestra and, all in all, the dances got over pretty good.

The house was turned over to the underclassmen the night of April 1 and they staged an underclass party, each fellow bringing around one or two underclassmen from some other house on the campus. The dinner was given for the purpose of acquainting a few freshmen and sophomores in other fraternities with the hospitality of Theta Upsilon Omega and the idea was a wonderful success. It surely proved to be a good way to get the underclass-

men acquainted on the campus and promises to be repeated in the near future.

The annual $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ Smoker was held in the house on Monday night, March 18, and a pretty good turnout of alumni was present. The "frosh" put on a few stunts for entertainment and several fast boxing bouts completed the show. The gang gathered around the table for coffee and doughnuts to finish off the evening and all the grads and active members let loose with a collection of stories that they had heard since the last "bull-fest."

Gamma Beta chapter was honored with a visit from Brothers Jacobus and Van Voorhies, graduates of Gamma Alpha chapter, the other day. This is an occurrence that is rather rare out here on the Pacific Coast.

GAMMA BETA SPORTS

Gamma Beta is stepping out in athletics now more than ever before. Clarence ("Bee") Betz, '29, won his numerals in baseball last Saturday when the California freshmen defeated the Stanford babes by a 7 to 3 score down at Palo Alto. "Bee" was one of the stars of the Freshman team this year and should make a strong bid for Varsity honors next season. One of our pledges, Earl Jacobson, '29, is a pitcher on the frosh squad and will likely start the next tussle in the Stanford series for Cal.

"Mac" MacSweeney, '27, is out for the Varsity baseball team and we are all hoping to see him get in the Stanford game next Saturday and win his Big "C".

Gamma Beta had quite a representation out for spring football practice. Besides Captain Bert Griffin, '27, Frank ("Red") Gill, '28, and Jack O'Harra, '29, were trotting around the diamond with the Varsity squad. It would surely be nice to have a couple of $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$'s playing on the California Varsity next season besides the Captain. This dream may come true yet.

Gene Baker, '27, won his Circle "C" playing goal on the Varsity Water Polo team. The team lost to Stanford, but they took a trip down to Los Angeles and beat the Southern Branch of the University of California and also administered a drubbing to the University of Southern California paddlers.

Oren Jones, '29, is working out on the track regularly and we expect him to win his numeral next Saturday in the California-Stanford freshman meet. Oren does about 21 feet in the broad

jump and about 5 feet 10 inches in the high jump, both of which should be good enough to place.

Gamma Beta's basketball team progressed to the fifth round in the Interfraternity basketball tournament this semester, only to be beaten by the Theta Xi quintet by a score of 31 to 23. The fellows deserve a lot of credit for their creditable showing, as they arrived at the point where there were only eight teams left out of the sixty-six that started. Among the teams that $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ took down the line before being defeated are Theta Alpha, Chi Psi, and Theta Delta Chi.

GAMMA BETA'S CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS ISSUE

William Kaufmann, '29.—Bill is a most spirited freshmen and is active around the house in many ways. He is in the College of Letters and Science majoring in English. He intends to take up journalism and for a while was a member of the Sport staff of the Oakland Post-Enquirer. Bill is a clever artist besides being a good writer as is evidenced by his cartoon. He is active in journalism and debating on the campus.

W. Reginald Jones, '25.—Reg is a graduate student in the Law School. He spends most of his time in studying now-a-days but finds time to take an active interest in house affairs. He is a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

Philip Dickinson, '27.—Phil is Herald of Gamma Beta chapter. He is a junior in the College of Civil Engineering, a Junior Editor on the Daily Californian, and a Section Editor of the "Blue and Gold," California's annual.

Notice to Charter Chapters

Arch Master Stevens wishes that the ten "Alpha" or founder chapters be reminded that the time within which associate members of the former local chapters may be initiated into $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ expires June 30, 1926. Chapters are urged to make arrangements for those of their alumni who are interested to be put through the ritual, either at their own or other chapters.

Alumni Notes

Beta Alpha

Ralph P. Champney, '08, has since early this year been located in Chicago, where he is connected with the Mitchell-Smith Company.

Bob Hanckel, '17, is now located in Poughkeepsie, New York, with the Franklin Company.

Ralph Whitmore, '09, is now the factory manager of the Eldec Company, Inc. in New York.

H. S. Johnson, '24, was recently transferred from the Buffalo office of the Buffalo Forge Company to the Detroit office, the Coon-Devisser Company.

Jack Gilbert, '26, is now living at Miami, Florida.

Gamma Alpha

D. P. Jacobus, '23, and F. M. D. Van Vorhees have left for a trip to San Francisco on a small freight ship. Word was last received from them at Panama. They expect to visit Gamma Beta, where they have been assured a welcome.

E. B. Geh, '25, has secured a contract with the City of Hoboken to level a part of the park facing the college buildings. Several of the undergraduates have signed up as laborers in their spare time. Gene is living at the chapter house.

A. G. Norris, '12, has just been made New England Manager of the Timken Roller Bearing Company, at 1107 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. He will live in Hartford.

Eugene McDermott, '19, is doing some experimental work for the Geophysical Corporation in Texas. He is located near Houston.

Wilfred M. Wyburn, '24, has recently taken a position with Karl A. Lefren, a consulting engineer in the paper manufacturing field, with offices at 171 Madison Avenue, New York City. Also with Mr. Lefren are Alvin T. Johnson, '21, and Frederick Wierk, '23. Brother Johnson is at present doing several jobs for Mr. Lefren in the vicinity of New London, Connecticut. Brother Wyburn is at the New York office preparatory to being sent else-

where. Brother Wierk has been busy since October at the Gair mill at Piermont, New York.

Delta Alpha

A voice from the everglades has again reached us. It is from C. R. Drenk, Past Arch Visitor, who will sell you an excellent lot in Miami, 35x107, with life membership in a country club thrown in. "Chuck" has been endeavoring to organize an alumni club in Miami, and has held several meetings with H. W. Black, Z A '25, E. C. Moonaw, K A '25, E. D. Robb, Z A '24, and others.

Zeta Alpha

Ralph Mucher, '25, of Wiconisco, is selling insurance for the Providence Mutual Life Insurance Company.

W. C. Thomas, '25, is teaching school in Mucher's home town of Wiconisco, Pennsylvania.

H. F. C. Thomas, '25, is an instructor at Bellefonte Academy.

George Long, '25, still makes frequent visits to Bucknell to see his fiancée. His last visit was in the week of April 11, when he attended the Junior Prom and the $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ Spring Dance.

Eta Alpha

Hugh Miller, Dean of the College of Engineering at George Washington University, and a member of Eta Alpha chapter, has announced that he will go to Union College next year to become Professor of Civil Engineering.

William E. Reese, '24, underwent an operation in March at George Washington University, and now is convalescing at Mount Alto Hospital.

Charles B. McInnes, '24, who is now associated with a law firm in New York City, made a flying visit to Washington recently and dropped in at the house for dinner.

Theta Alpha

Ralph Proctor, '22, is located in St. Louis.

Donald Pettee, '25, is making a success of teaching in Brandon, Vermont, but says he still has two girls he can't decide between.

Arthur Lowrance, '23, is back from Illinois, on the faculty of the Agricultural College.

K. M. Clark, '26, was recently stationed for two weeks with the 5th U. S. Infantry, in which regiment he holds the reserve commission of second lieutenant, at Fort Preble, Portland, Maine.

Iota Alpha

Harry C. Doyle has been a regular correspondent. His address is 20 North 26th Street, Orange, New Jersey.

James D. Wallace, '23, a brother in the old Delta Kappa Nu, has recently signified his intention of joining $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$. He has been invited to attend the observance of Founders' Day on May 2. Brother Wallace is the principal of Susquehanna Township High School.

Kappa Alpha

A. M. Patterson, ex-'26, is in his third year at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

T. L. Fraser, '23, will graduate from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond in May.

C. R. Anderson, ex-'27, has entered the furniture business with his father in St. Petersburg, Florida.

E. C. Moomaw, ex-'25, is selling real estate in Coral Gables, Florida.

Kenneth Harris, ex-'27, is in the Cincinnati Art School. A few weeks ago, he presented the chapter with an oil painting. Judging from it, Brother Harris has a great future in store.

Brother West, '25, is principal of the high school in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Brother Causey, ex-'26, is in business in Greensboro, North Carolina. He has been back several times this year, and we are hoping that he will return to school next year.

Henry Ratchford, ex-'27, is taking up the study of textiles this year in North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

K. F. Menzies, '24, is in the lumber business with his father in Hickory, North Carolina.

W. W. Purdy, '25, is teaching in McCallie Prep School at Chattanooga, Tennessee. His brother was initiated into $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ last February.

W. A. Patterson, '25, is teaching in Leland, North Carolina.

Lambda Alpha

The annual alumni banquet was held at the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh, March 26, 1926. Many alumni were present. The active chapter was represented by about twenty-five men. Interesting talks helped in making the affair a complete success.

J. Clark Bell, '08, of Greensburgh, Pennsylvania, is running for the State Senate.

James G. Nevin, '05, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, and Ralph R. Miller, '14, of Youngstown, Ohio, are serving as District Chairmen in the Alumni Drive for Westminster's Million Dollar Jubilee Fund.

Beta Beta

H. S. Marts, '25, is admirably holding his position as Assistant Sales Manager of the New Orleans office of the National Cash Register Company. H. F. Price just returned from his second trip to the south and brings us the good news from Brother Marts.

We are glad to note the promotion of A. C. Meyers, '25, to the sales force of the W. E. Hutton Investment and Securities Company.

A. W. Kineaid, '27, is now enrolled for the second semester of school.

Gamma Beta

S. A. Anderson, '21, is assistant secretary of the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau. His address is Route No. 2, Box 32A, Arcadia.

R. R. Townley, '25, is working as a geologist for the Standard Oil Company in San Francisco.

H. B. Bolton, '25, 4300 Judah Street, San Francisco, is also with the Standard Oil Company, as a mechanical engineer.

M. O. Olson, '22, is assistant production manager for the Marchant Calculating Machine Company. He is living at 5483 College Avenue, Oakland.

H. P. Darling, '15, of 1512 Linden Street, Oakland, is running a drug store.

L. C. Manrer, '22, is an architect in Los Angeles.

L. J. Dunn, '20, is living at the chapter house in Berkeley

while employed as an auditor by the Pacific Coast Troy Laundry Machine Company.

H. A. McDonald, '22, is also living in Berkeley, at 2644 Parker Street. He is practicing law.

E. T. Frickstad, '15, is chief chemist for the California Ink Company, and his address is 6429 Regent Street, Oakland.

R. J. Kadow, '22, 151 West Fifty-first Street, Los Angeles, is chief engineer of the Los Angeles Iron and Steel Company.

H. E. Hedger, '24, helps the Los Angeles Flood Control District keep the Los Angeles river from overflowing.

Vital Statistics

ENGAGEMENTS

Beta Alpha—M. M. Rowe, '25, to Miss Beatrice Harrington of Orange, Massachusetts.

Zeta Alpha—Ray G. Daggs, '26, of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, to Miss Mary Dwyer, '28, of Pottstown, a member of Phi Mu at Bucknell.

Lambda Alpha—H. A. Williams, '28, to Miss Martha Wallace, '27. "Rusty" Coles, '27, to Miss Edith Sankey.

Beta Beta—C. W. Hostettler, '28, to Miss Orma Thomas, of Lakewood, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

Beta Alpha—Leonard F. Sanborn, '25, to Miss Dorothy Rae, at Nassau, Bahamas, March 12, 1926. Brother Sanborn was Chapter Master, 1924-25, Varsity football captain, 1924, President of the Tech Y, 1924-25, and Vice president of the Class of 1925.


J. C. Gilbert, '26, to Ruth V. Gobie at Miami, Florida, February 22, 1926.

Harry Stratton, '25, to Gertrude Conant, at Leominster, Massachusetts, February 16, 1926.

- Gamma Alpha—Walter H. Berthhold, '18, to Miss Margaret Aimee Guy, of East Orange, New Jersey, on January 30, 1926.
- George H. Spencer, '19, to Miss Dorothy Theurkauf, of Montclair, New Jersey, February 11, 1926. Mrs. Spencer is a sister of Brother Ed Theurkauf, '19.
- D. D. Jacobus, '21, to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Penman of Boston. The wedding took place in Boston on February 24, 1926, and the couple left soon afterward for a honeymoon abroad.
- Epsilon Alpha—Charles R. Mease, '26, to Miss Miriam Bomberger of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg on March 27, 1926. Brother Mease is Master of Epsilon Alpha chapter, and is a night teller in the Republic Trust Company, Philadelphia. The couple will make their home in Philadelphia.
- Lambda Alpha—Edward John, '28, to Miss Isabelle Goss, '25.
- Gamma Beta—Clinton ("Bud") Keith, '27, to Miss Katherine Jones, of Riverside, California, on March 31. Mr. and Mrs. Keith will live in Riverside.

BIRTHS

- Delta Alpha—A son, Richard Hastings, to Arch Visitor and Mrs. L. H. Braun, on February 26, 1926.
- Zeta Alpha—A son, Ellis Sargeant, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Sargeant Smith, of Rochester, New York, on March 2, 1926. Brother Smith graduated with the class of 1922.



Fratern al and Collegiate

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If all the persons who asked and received instruction last year from some branch of the University of California were brought together at the California Memorial Stadium, they would fill the great bowl to capacity twenty-five times. According to statements of University officials, 1,750,000 persons sought knowledge from the institution's various departments during 1925.

More than nine hundred thousand persons enrolled in extension and agricultural extension courses, while the total number who received benefits either directly or indirectly from the institution is placed in excess of three million.

Students at the university, enrolled in regular sessions and taking regular courses, totaled 16,582 for the semester just ended. In the summer sessions 11,219 were enrolled. This gives a total of 24,628, after duplicates are deducted, of students resident at the university, who took regular work leading to degrees.

At Berkeley, 9,437 students were registered during the last semester, of whom 7,887 were undergraduates, 1,354 were graduate students, and 196 were enrolled in the professional schools leading to a degree. In the intersession and summer session there were 7,836 students, making a total for Berkeley, duplicates deducted, of 14,165.

In Los Angeles there were registered this year 3,178 in the college of letters and science, 2,529 in the teachers' college, five in the medical department and 29 special students. Summer session enrollments were 3,833, a total of 9,073 after duplicates were eliminated.

In the affiliated colleges in San Francisco the registration was: School of medicine, 209; Hooper foundation, 5; Hastings college of law, 147; college of dentistry, 372; dental hygiene, 12; college

of pharmacy, 259; nurses' training school, 11; nurses' training school (non-degree), 124; a total of 1,130.

In other branches of the university the registration for the first semester was: Branch of the college of agriculture, Davis, 255; Mt. Hamilton Observatory, 2; Scripps institution of oceanography, La Jolla, 2; citrus experiment station, Riverside, 10; a total of 269.

The university extension service this year has 30,133 persons enrolled in its regular classes, and 5,269 more are taking correspondence courses. Lectures given by this division were heard by 269,956, and its visual instruction programs were witnessed by 1,465,765. Radio lectures this year, it is estimated, will have an audience of about one million in California.

The agricultural extension service, through its farm advisors in 42 counties, last year held 15,570 meetings attended by 561,552 persons, and the practices recommended by the agricultural college of the university are used on 39,000 of the 106,000 farms of the state.

Those enrolled in regular courses, in university extension courses and who asked for agricultural extension service, total more than 900,000. Those who saw the picture programs and heard the radio lectures, bring in the total of persons in the state who this year will have profited in some manner from university activities, to about three million.

The corps of instructors for the university includes the faculty giving regular instruction and numbering 1,614, the university extension staff of 644, and the agricultural extension service of 125.

—*Daily Californian*

It is estimated that 121 universities possess \$1,000,000 endowments, says *The Washington Star*. Most of them are under private control. State universities are not as heavily endowed, as a rule, only eighteen of them being in the millionaire class. . . . According to figures recently compiled by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, Harvard University, with an endowment of \$52,031,769, is the richest educational institution in the United States. Columbia is next with \$41,300,909, and Yale, Leland Stanford, Jr., Chicago, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Carnegie, Princeton, Rochester, and Pennsylvania follow in order.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*

Many Valuable Trees Add to Beauty of State College Campus

V. J. MEYL, I A '26

It is the ambition of any institution to possess a large assortment of campus trees; it not only adds to beauty but attracts many species of birds. The Pennsylvania State College campus contains as large an assortment of trees as any other campus in Pennsylvania or probably any other state. There are trees still living which were planted by the first president of the college. There are a number of trees planted in memory of certain World War heroes. Many alumni return in later years and remark that certain trees were only saplings when they attended college; they recall the many happy hours spent in study under the veteran shade trees which are still standing.

Trees are among the most common things of nature. They are all about us on the campus, and can be seen and studied almost everywhere. They are interesting at all times and in any location. They present an infinite variety of size, form, color and texture, and vary from day to day and from week to week. In spring-time the buds unfold and develop into leaves and flowers while we see nature awaking from apparent death to life. In summer, we note the profusion of foliage and a gradual increase in size and substance; it is the period of growth. In autumn, we see the bright rich color of the leaves and the long sleep which is akin to death; in winter, the bold outlines of the naked trees, the characteristic division of the branches, the somber but vari-colored trunks and stems are almost equally interesting and beautiful.

When we recall that the elm is said to live 350 years; the white oak, 500 years; the olive, 700 years; the English oak, 1,000 years, the yew, 2,000 years; the bald cypress, 2,500 years; the giant redwood of sequoia, 3,000 years, and authenticated measurements show that California's big trees have reached a diameter of over thirty-six feet, heights of more than 350 feet, and some of the redwoods have been traced to the time before Christ; we cannot but have pride in our campus trees which are in some way or other related to those trees.

A badly decayed white oak tree, cut on the campus was found to be 440 years old. This tree had probably reached maturity

when the first settlement was made in Ohio at Marietta. It was a large tree at the time of the Declaration of Independence, fair sized when the Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock, and a sturdy sapling when Columbus discovered America.

Therefore, I will say that everyone of us loves the sight of green things growing, and especially trees. It is natural that trees, which are greatest in all the plant kingdom, should inspire in us the highest admiration. Their terms of life so far outrun the puny human span! They stand so high, and spread so far their sheltering arms! We bless them for the gifts they bring to supply our bodily needs, and for their beauty, which feeds our souls.

Barney Takes A Trip to Westminster

On February 13 M. G. Lowman, president of the Pittsburgh Club of $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$, made a trip to New Wilmington, in the company of Brothers McCrory and McGinness, of the Lambda Alpha associate chapter. His visit inspired the following letter.

DEAR BILL:

Say Bill you should have been up to Westminster College on Saturday, February 13. The Westminster $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ boys initiated a crowd of eleven freshmen, and believe me they were a clever looking bunch of boys. Brothers McCrory and McGinness (two of Pittsburgh's law evaders commonly referred to as attorneys) acted as Master and Marshal for the degrees, and say Bill, it was funny to see Brother McGinness decked out in the customary robe. You see Bill, Brother McCrory must have thought they were going to put on a clever initiation because he invited me up to witness it.

Westminster, you know, is sort of back in the wilderness and has to be reached by bus, but it is well worth a bus ride Bill to go out there and see the Theta Upsilon Omega Township, which you know has recently been annexed to the college. The boys have about 27 acres of land and when you go up there they are not satisfied unless they show you every darn inch of it—so Sunday was spent in looking over the ranch and seeing the campus.

During initiation Brother Boyles fainted. He's one of those radio fans what sits up till breakfast hoping to hear some Fiji Islanders sing a war dance. Oh Yeh! And do you remember Suds Lennox. He acted as Chaplain! On Sunday afternoon the Westminster Varsity quartet which happens to be 4 $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ boys enter-

tained us. Gee, that was great. Then two of the boys imitated the Duncan Sisters. Suds Lennox you will remember acted as bouncer at the convocation at Lewisburg. Sunday afternoon he started bouncing me around on a new arm chair and—well you know Bill, Suds don't weigh less than a ton. When we got through a leg was broken off the new chair.

The boys tell me that they are just about running the school up there. Have captain-elect of the football team, just about all the backfield and linesmen, business manager and editor of the year book and about everything else they might happen to want excepting the president of the college—Of course undergrads have not started to serve in that capacity yet.

You know Bill, it wouldn't be a bad idea if all of the grads would go back to school occasionally for initiations. It sure does give a fellow a deeper appreciation of what our Fraternity really means and stands for. And then of course the undergrads are always glad to have the boys come back for a meal or two. All in all those Westminster $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$'s are just about it, when it comes to having a nice house and a clever bunch of boys. Anytime you are near New Wilmington be sure to run over there just for another application of that good old $\Theta \Upsilon \Omega$ spirit.

Skip the gutter,

"BARNEY"

Plans are rapidly going forward for the College Cruise Around the World, which expects to sail from New York on September 18 with a distinguished faculty for an eight months' cruise. It is rumored that Rho Alpha Rho will charter a chapter on board for the trip.

The leading article of the March issue of *Fraternity Life*, published monthly by Burr, Patterson and Company, was a reprint of Brother V. J. Meyl's paper on "Landscape Treatment for New Fraternity Houses," which appeared in the December number of the OMEGAN.

CHESS FANS NOTE

Zeta Alpha writes that it has several ardent and expert chess players who would like to engage in matches by correspondence with members of other chapters. Those interested are advised to write to R. T. Merwin, Master of Zeta Alpha.

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